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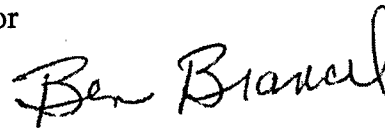
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For: All County Offices

Interagency Bio-Security Guidelines

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1 Overview

A Background

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are issuing the attached guidelines for all FSA and NRCS employees to safeguard against possible outbreaks of diseases. As our employees have on-farm contact with large numbers of individual producers, it is critical that all employees familiarize themselves with the basics of this bio-security plan and follow the guidelines to the benefit of all Wisconsin producers.

B Purpose

This notice provides bio-security guidelines for all employees of FSA and NRCS in Wisconsin.

2 Action

A County Office Action

Effective immediately, all FSA and NRCS staff who visit livestock operations will follow the bio-security procedures identified in this bulletin. **Level 1** procedure will be the minimum actions necessary by all employees who visit livestock operations.

If more stringent procedures become necessary, they will be implemented when directed by Robert Ehlenfeldt, State Veterinarian, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Dr. Ehlenfeldt will notify the state offices of both agencies when these levels of protection are necessary.

Questions concerning the implementation or procedures should be directed to Don Baloun, NRCS at 608.662.4422, ext. 252 or Wayne Schwartz, FSA at 608.662.4422, ext. 117.

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Distribution

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Wisconsin Bio-Security Measures for On-Site Farm Visits

Biological security measures are becoming standard in many agricultural sectors. These controls, meant to minimize the risk of disease introduction and spread, can vary greatly according to operation and type of site visit. To address concerns from farm owners/producers, USDA personnel must take steps to ensure a reasonable level of bio-security protection. **Often, producers/owners may have more stringent bio-security measures, and those should be followed instead.**

LEVEL 1: (Minimum Bio-security Measures)

- ✓ Avoid livestock areas, pens, barnyards, etc., unless it is necessary to complete the goal of the visit.
- ✓ Avoid direct contact with animal manure on clothing, shoes, vehicle tires, etc.

If contact with livestock areas is likely or unavoidable implement the following procedures:

1. For visits to farm homes where no contact with livestock or their housing occurs, wear disposable plastic boots to and from vehicle. (These should be left on the premises for the producer to discard.)
2. For visits to provide services that will require minimal contact with areas likely to have animal activity or residual manure:
 - ✓ Park vehicle (on pavement/concrete if possible) away from livestock facilities or areas likely retaining residual animal manure.
 - ✓ Wear rubber boots or overshoes or disposable plastic boots (if applicable to activity).
 - ✓ Wash rubber boots or overshoes with solution of Virkon-S disinfectant immediately at vehicle before and after visit.
 - ✓ Consider disposable coveralls (Tyrex) if it is likely that clothing will come in contact with animal manure. (These should be left on the premises for the producer to discard.)

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Exhibit 1

3. For visits to provide services that will require direct exposure to livestock or livestock facilities:
 - ✓ Park vehicle on pavement/concrete (if possible) away from livestock facilities or areas likely retaining residual animal manure.
 - ✓ Wear rubber boots (all-season, shoeless or pullover, minimum folds, outsole with traction for safety) and wash with solution of Virkon-S disinfectant immediately at vehicle before and after visit.
 - ✓ Wear Tyvex disposable coveralls if it is likely that clothing will come in contact with animal manure. (These should be left on the premises for the producer to discard)
4. For multiple daily visits to livestock operations, follow step 3 above and:
 - ✓ If vehicle was not parked on a paved surface or kept free of contact with animal manure, wash vehicle tires and wheel wells to remove dirt and debris before visiting next site. Employee expenses may be reimbursed.

If disposal of the throw-away boots and coveralls is required, they should be put in a plastic bag and disposed of properly by the employee.

Employees should read and follow the label instructions on the Virkon-S disinfectant for proper use.

Supplies:

Disposable plastic boots	Rubber Boots
(all-season, shoeless or pullover, minimum folds, outsole with traction for safety)	
Disposable Coveralls (Tyvex)	Plastic wash bucket
Scrub brush	Virkon-S
Disinfectant	Large water container

FSA County Executive Directors who need to purchase supplies should contact Jason Harris, Wisconsin STO, at 608-662-4422 x133.